

# **Assessments Overview**

## **TASC & TABE**

### **TASC Past, Present, and Future**

**April 27-29, 2016**

**French Lick, IN**

# Agenda

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  - GHI Content – What will be new?
  - Training for Insight and GHI
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- **Questions**

# Introductions

- Chris Fitzgerald, Assessments Manager, IN DWD
- David Seitter, Senior Vice President, DRC
- Mike Johnson, National Adult Education Director, DRC
- Deedra Arvin, Director of Test Development, DRC
- Paula Boffa-Taylor, Program Manager, DRC

## DRC Overview

- Minnesota-based company founded in 1978
- 11 locations across the country, including Indianapolis, IN
- 650 full-time employees and more than 5,000 seasonal employees
- Recently acquired key assets of the CTB/McGraw-Hill Education assessment business, such as the:
  - Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE), in use since 1967; used annually by 825,000 Adult Basic Ed students across the country and 26,000 students in IN
  - Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC); adopted by 14 States

## DRC Overview

- Major assessment programs with 22 states and multi-state consortia
- Including Idaho, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, South Carolina, Wisconsin, and the WIDA Consortium
- Full-service provider of customized, K–12 assessments
- Summative, formative, interim, and benchmark assessments
- Multi-mode assessment programs (computer and paper based)
- Successfully transitioned numerous states to online assessments
- Scanned and scored over 10 million Test Books and 180 million Answer Sheets

# States Using TASC to Grant State High School Credential

- New York
- Indiana
- West Virginia
- New Jersey
- Nevada
- Wyoming
- California
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Colorado
- Illinois
- Mississippi
- Texas

# Where We Began Indiana's HSE

## Why We Chose TASC

- Tiered, 3-year Rigor Plan
- Cost
- Proctoring Requirements
- Paper Option

## Basic Rules

- Retesting on Forms
- 60-day Invalidation Rule
- Cannot Mix Language Forms

# Where We Began

## Key Dates

<b>August 2013</b>	<b>Contract Award</b>
<b>September 2013</b>	<b>Project Kickoff</b>
<b>October 2013</b>	<b>Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- DWD Staff and Test Center Administrators (train the trainer)</li></ul>
<b>November 2013</b>	<b>Cut Score</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Meetings with DWD, ERC, and SWIC</li></ul> <b>WebEx Trainings</b>
<b>December 2013</b>	<b>Forms ABC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Paper &amp; Pencil Forms Shipped to Sites</li></ul>
<b>February 2014</b>	<b>Testing Begins, Forms ABC</b>
<b>March 2015</b>	<b>Testing Begins, Forms DEF</b>



# Where We Began

## Summary Data: ABC and DEF

Forms ABC and DEF - Passed all 5 Subtests				
Form	1 Valid Subtest	5 Valid Subtests	Passed all 5 subtests	% Passed all 5 subtests
ABC	9370	9166	7324	79.90%
DEF	8950	7797	5928	76.03%
Forms ABC - Paper & Pencil and Online				
Mode	1 Valid Subtest	5 Valid Subtests	Passed all 5 subtests	% Passed all 5 subtests
Paper & Pencil	6692	6414	5046	78.67%
Online	3001	2691	2087	77.55%
Forms DEF - Paper & Pencil and Online				
Mode	1 Valid Subtest	5 Valid Subtests	Passed all 5 subtests	% Passed all 5 subtests
Paper & Pencil	4928	4086	2986	73.08%
Online	4426	3617	2729	75.45%

## Indiana in the Spotlight

- IN DOC

<http://www.tasctest.com/blog.html#ufh-i-226145895-test-center-spotlight-the-indiana-department-of-correction>

- Williamsport, IN

<http://www.tasctest.com/blog.html#ufh-i-199750584-test-center-spotlight-benton-fountain-warren-adult-education-program-in-williamsport-indiana>

# TASC

## Where We Are Headed

### DRC INSIGHT PLATFORM

INSIGHT platform has delivered over 10 million secure, online assessments nationwide in 2014–2015, with 25 million planned for 2015–2016, including TASC Forms GHI

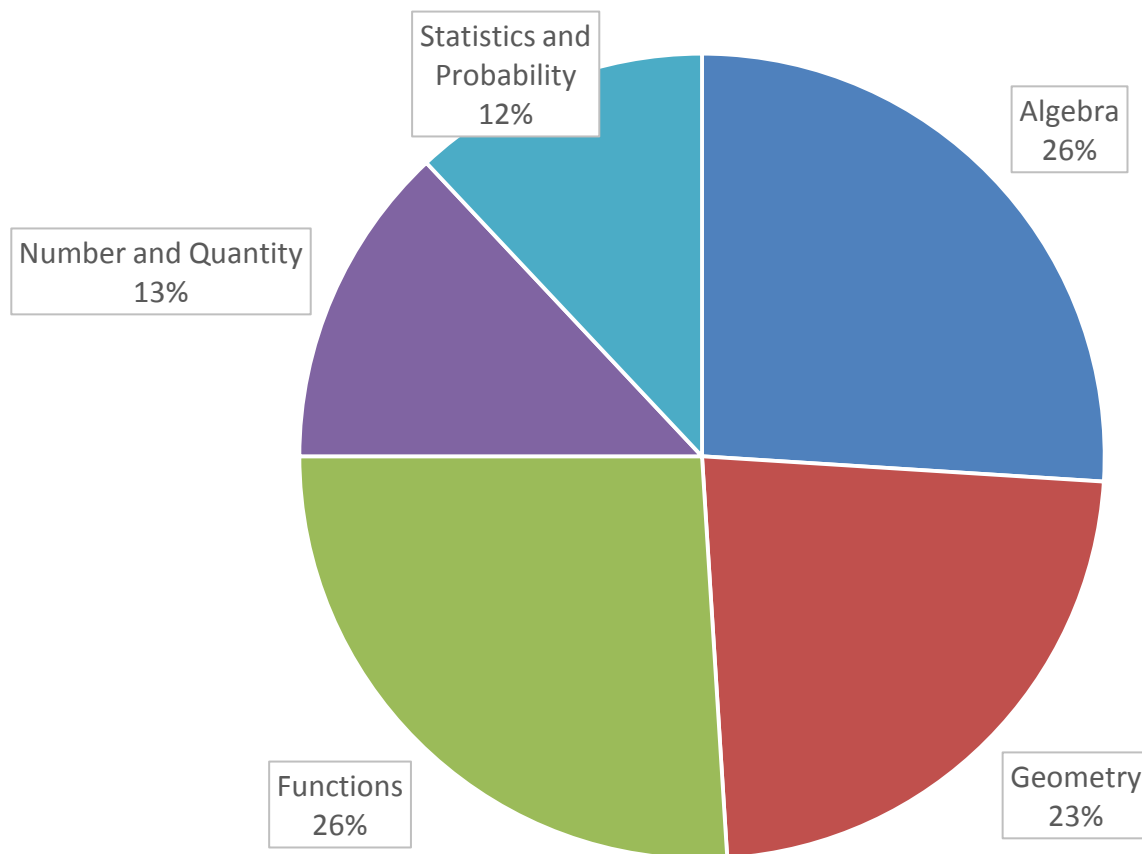
- INSIGHT is a secure browser based testing platform
- No requirement for local servers or caching of files
- No reliance on 3<sup>rd</sup> party applications
- Lock down browser prevents access to other programs
- Both TABE and TASC will share the same platform

# TASC

## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

Mathematics Blueprint



# TASC

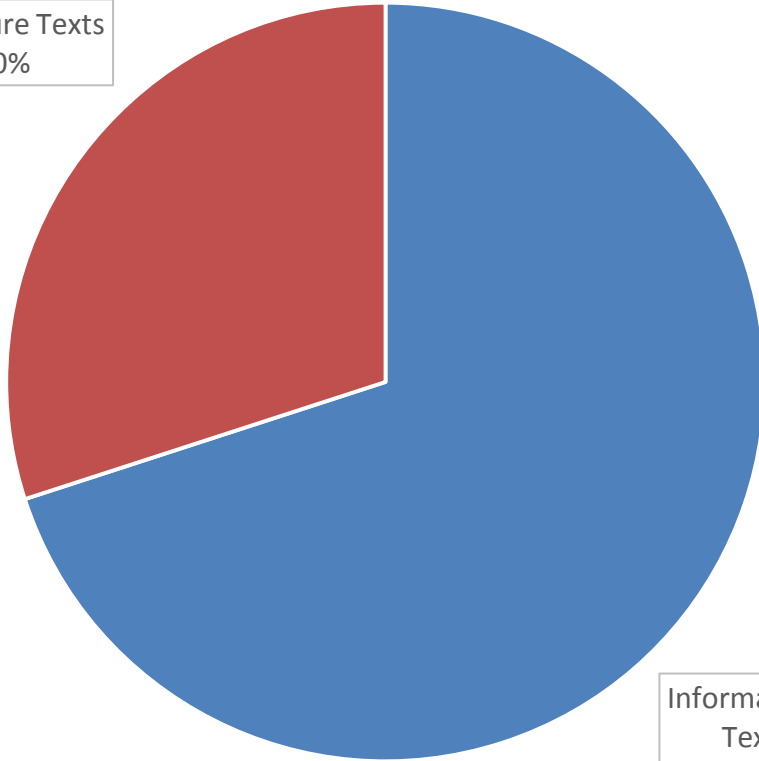
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### FORMS GHI

Reading Blueprint DEF

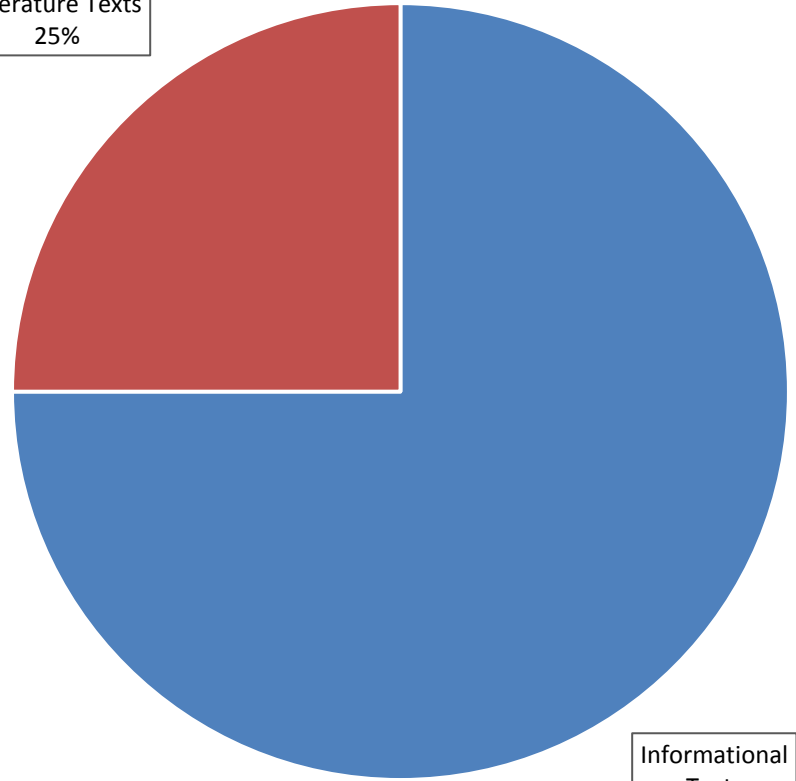
Reading Blueprint GHI

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Informational  
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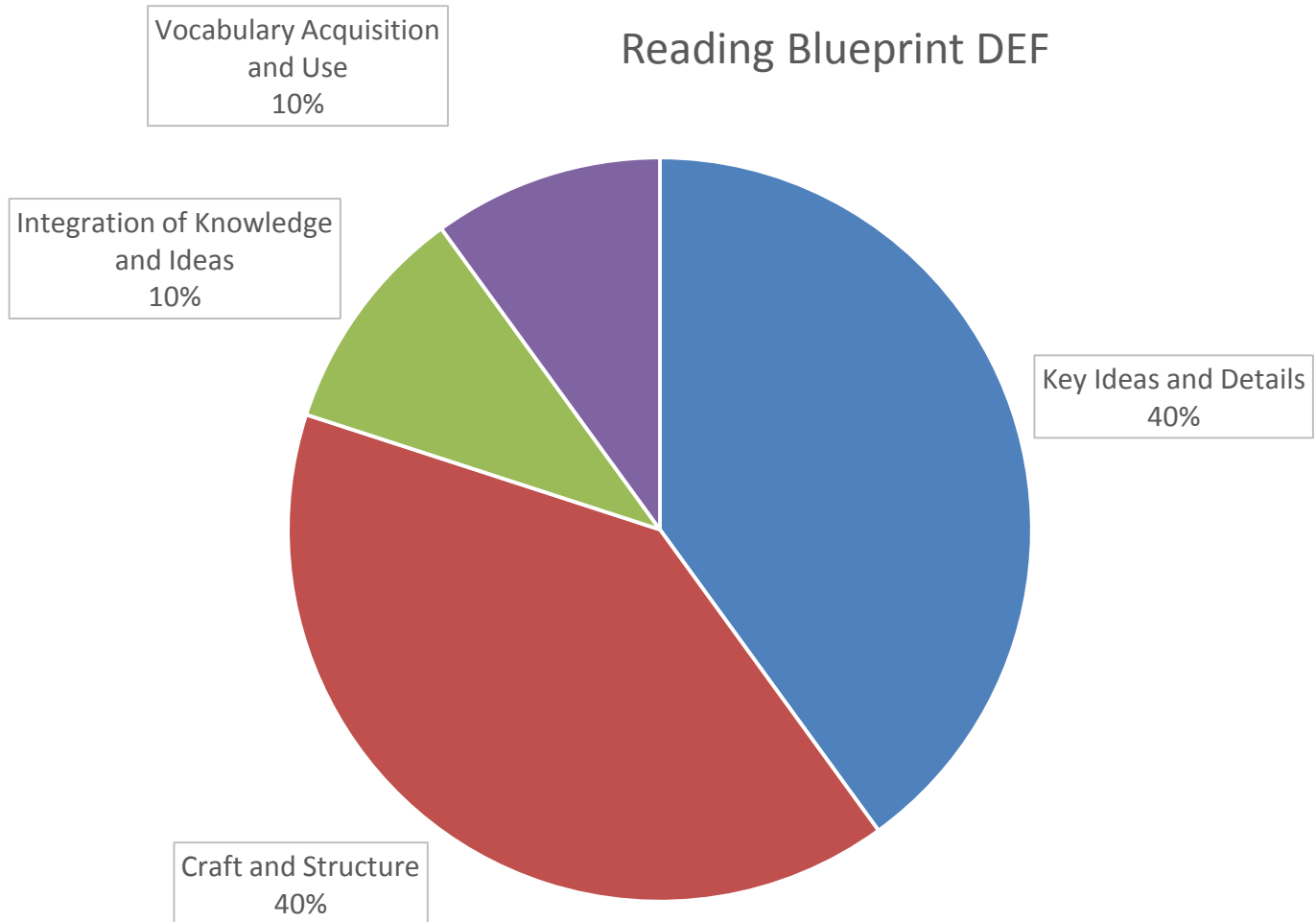


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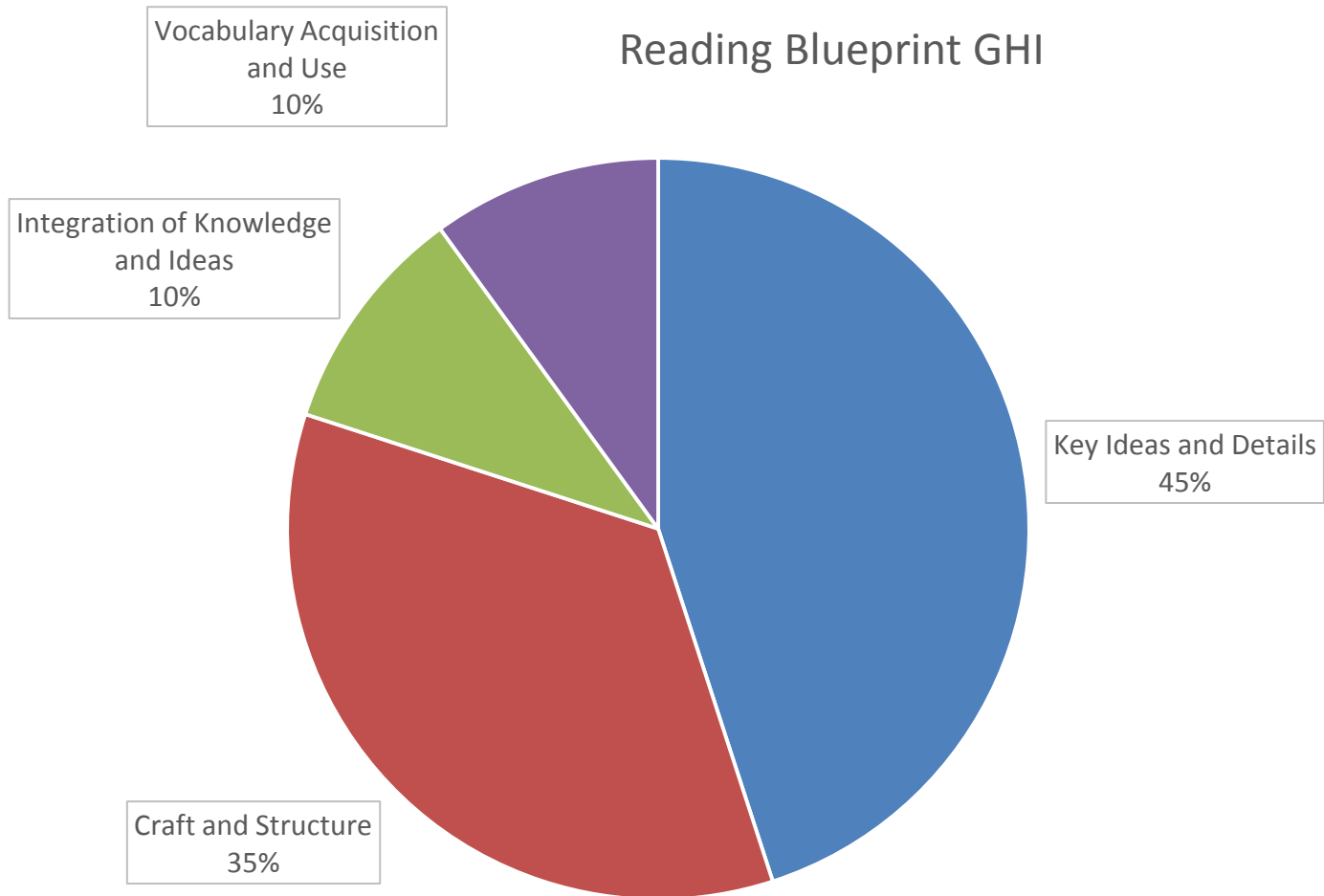
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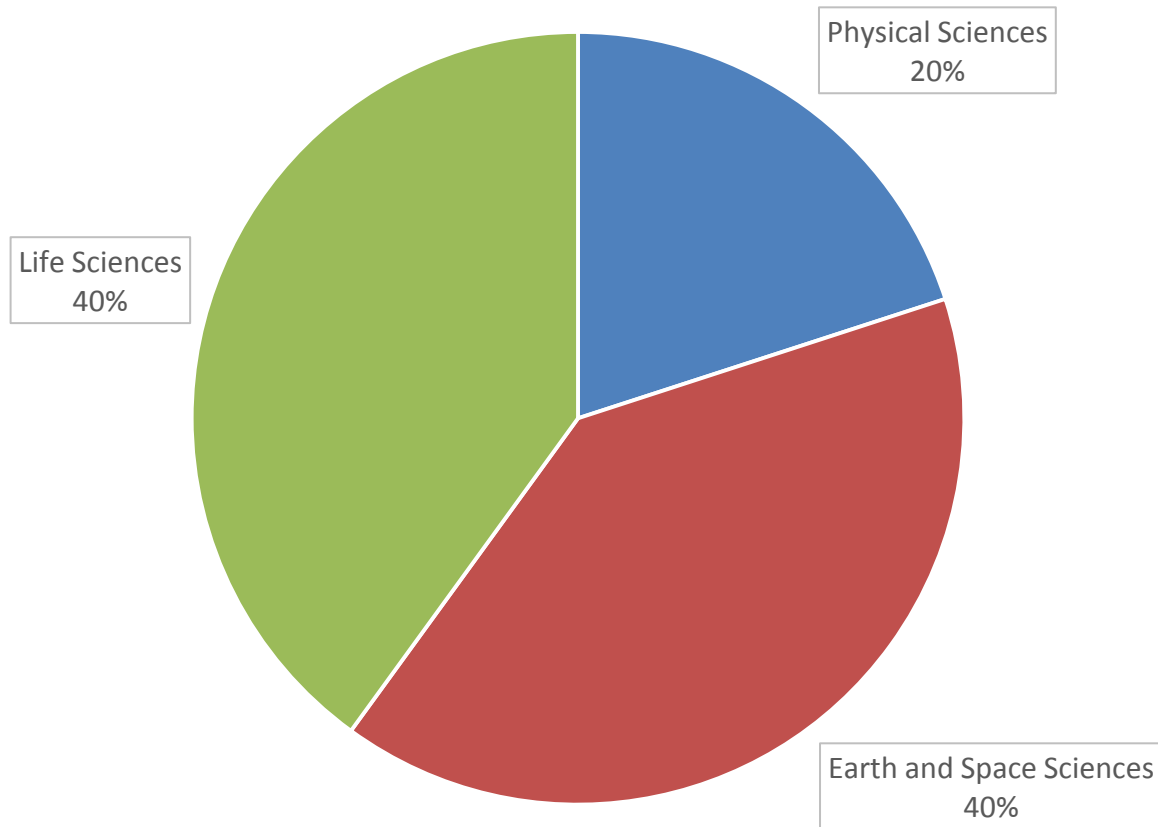


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## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

Science Blueprint DEF



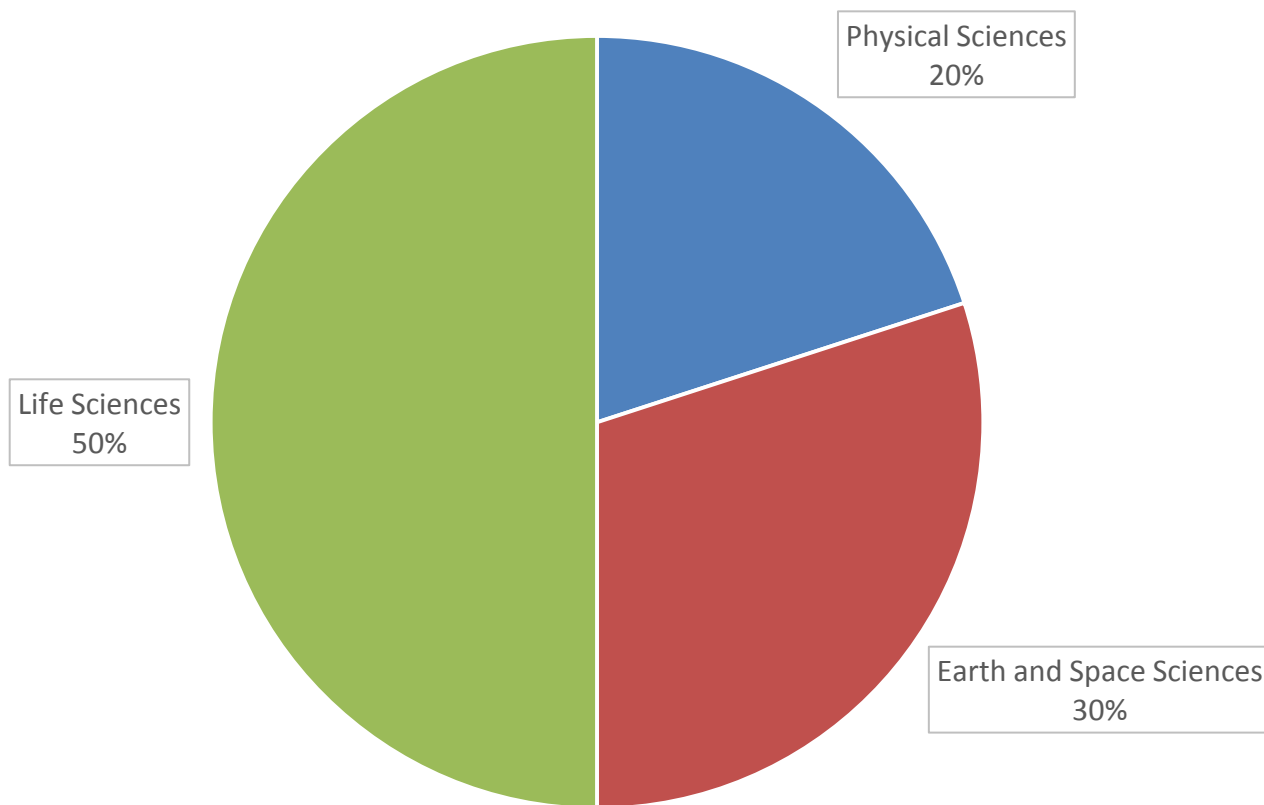


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## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

#### Science Blueprint GHI

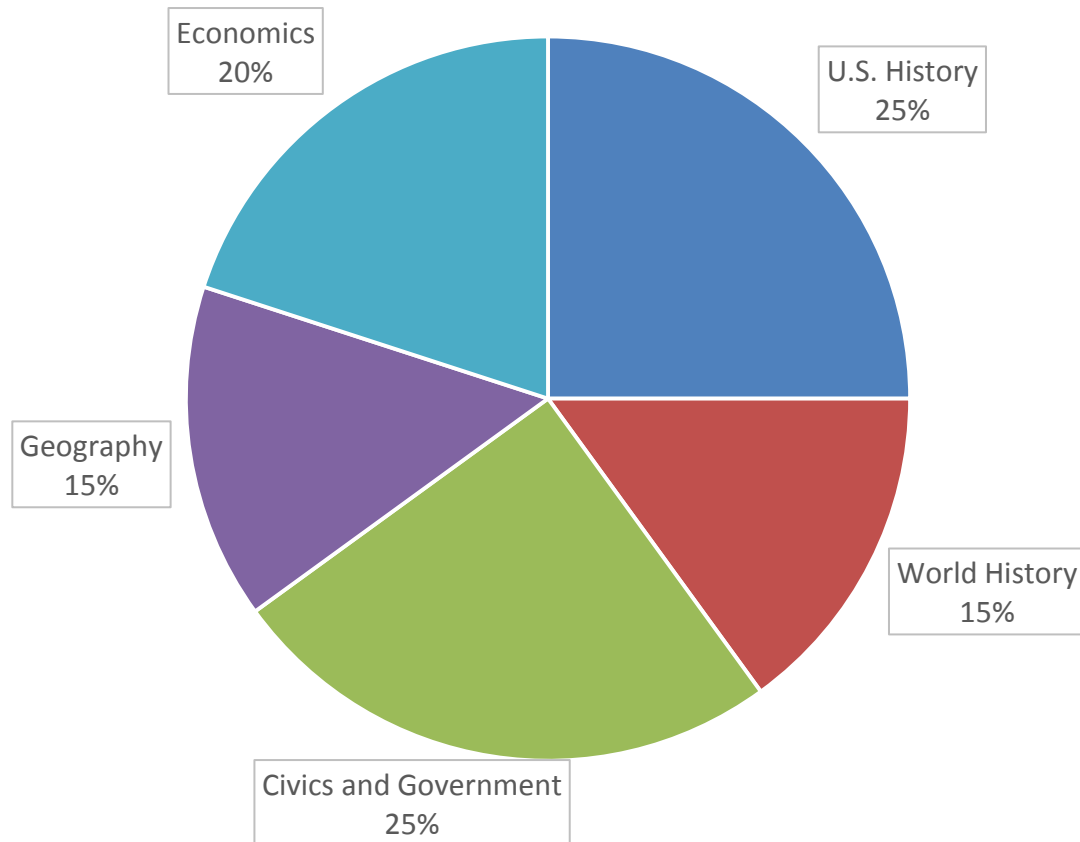


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## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

#### Social Studies Blueprint DEF

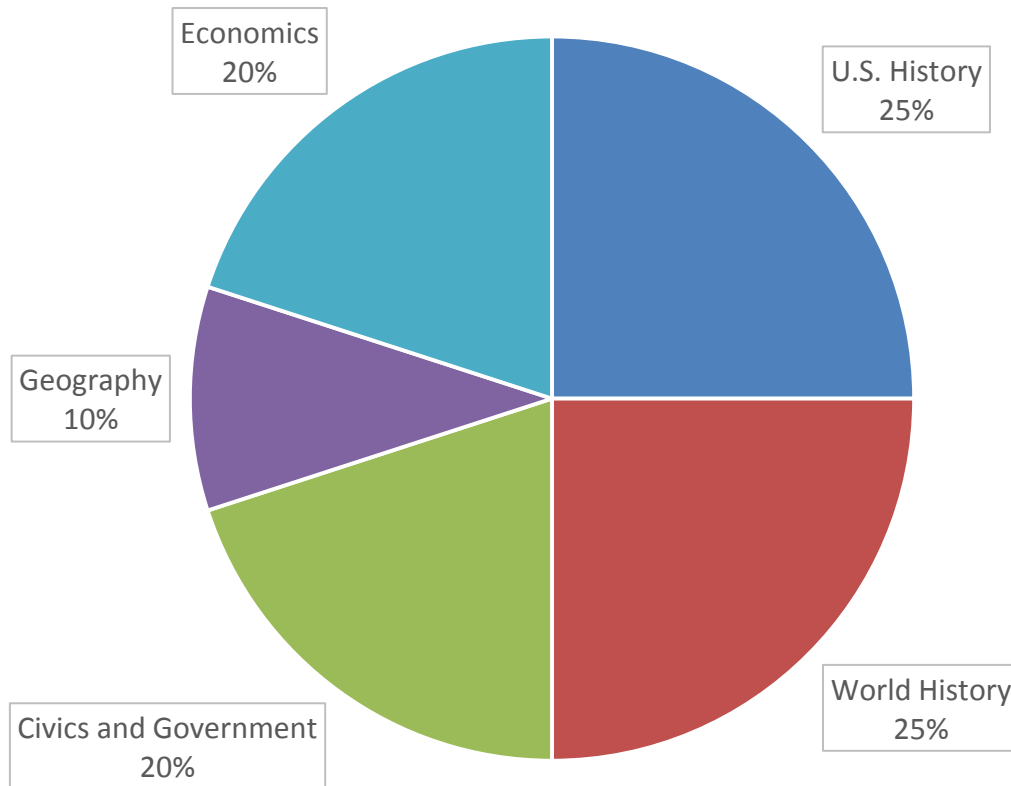


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## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

#### Social Studies Blueprint GHI

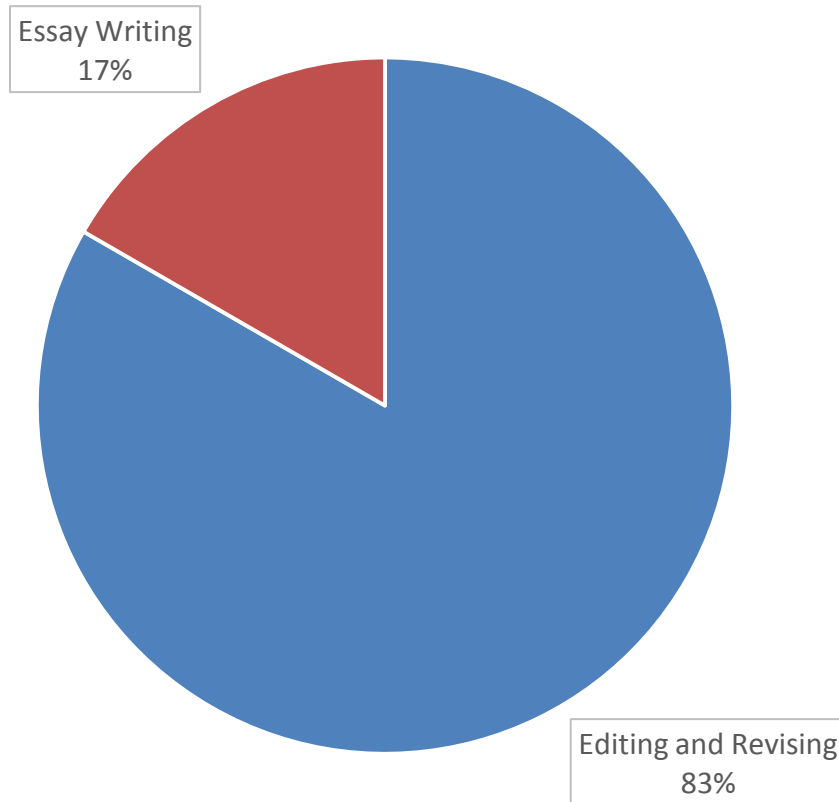


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## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

Writing Blueprint

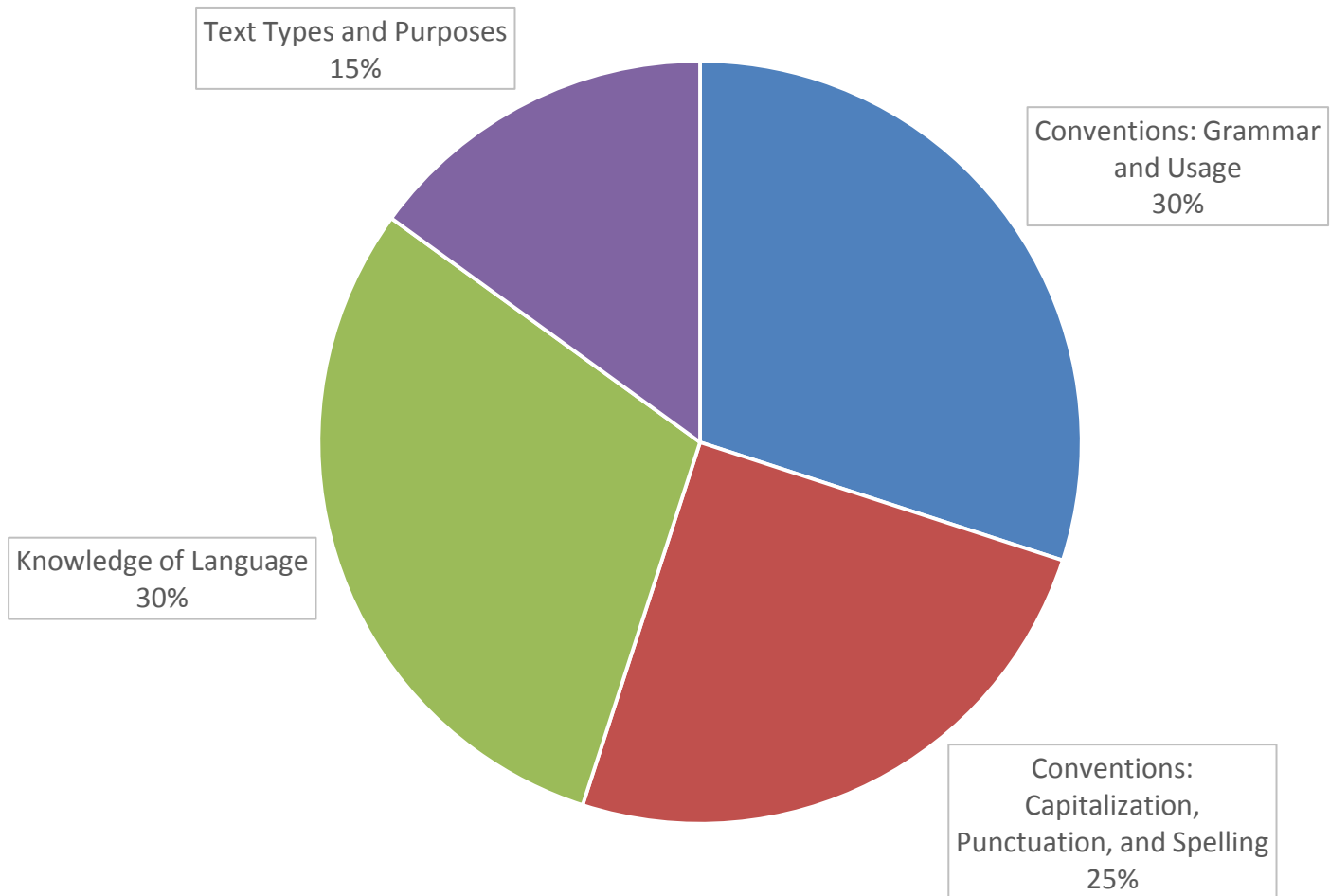


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## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

#### Revising and Editing Subdomains DEF

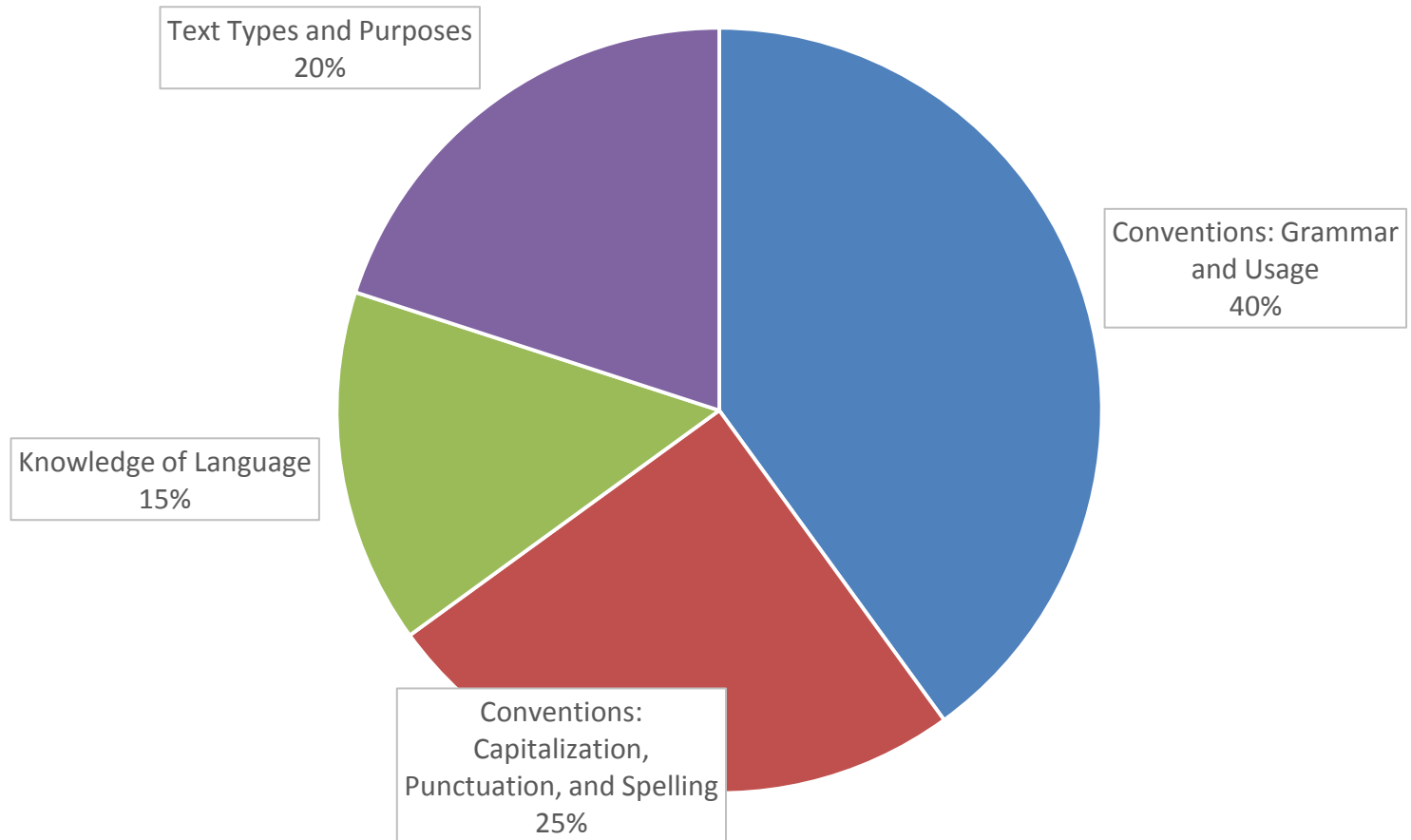


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## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

#### Revising and Editing Subdomains GHI



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## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

#### Item Types Included in Forms GHI

- Multiple Choice
- Selected Response (e.g., Multiple Select, Evidence-Based Selected Response)
- Technology Enhanced (e.g., Drag and Drop, Matching)
- Constructed Response
- Gridded Response (Mathematics only)
- Extended Constructed Response (Writing only)

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## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

## Item Counts by Item Type Forms GHI

Subject	MC Items	GR Items	1-point Items	2-point Items	CR Items	ECR Items
Mathematics	43	12	1	1	1	n/a
Reading	48	n/a	1	1	1	n/a
Science	48	n/a	1	1	1	n/a
Social Studies	46	n/a	1	1	2	n/a
Writing	47	n/a	2	1	n/a	1



# TASC

## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

## Testing Times

Subject	DEF English Testing Time (in minutes)	DEF Spanish Testing Time (in minutes)	GHI English and Spanish Testing Time (in minutes)
Mathematics Part I	50	55	55
Mathematics Part II	55	60	50
Reading	75	80	85
Science	85	90	75
Social Studies	75	80	75
Writing	105	110	110

# TASC

## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

#### Additional Changes for GHI

- New item types (print and online)
- New mathematics reference sheet

# TASC

## Where We Are Headed

### FORMS GHI

## Support for Adult Educators and Examinees

- Test Blueprints
- Item Specifications
- Online Tools Training (non-secure practice of the online tools in INSIGHT)

# TABE

## 11 & 12 Overview

- Field Testing in April and May
- New Standards
- New length of the test
- Changes to Math sections
- Improved Locator design
- Content Areas Updated
- Alignment to HSE exams

Questions and  
comments!

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